

GOAL 4

Contribute to the Public Health, Socioeconomic Well Being, and History of the Nation

VA will support the public health of the Nation as a whole through medical research, medical education and training, and serve as a resource in the event of a national emergency or natural disaster. VA will support the socioeconomic well being of the Nation, our states, and our local communities through the provision of compensation and pension benefits, education, vocational rehabilitation, insurance, and home loan programs. VA will preserve the memory and sense of patriotism of the Nation by maintaining national cemeteries as national shrines and hosting patriotic and commemorative ceremonies and events that thank and honor our Nation's veterans and their families.

Objective 4.1

Advance VA medical research and development programs to better address the needs of the veteran population and to contribute to the Nation's knowledge of disease and disability



- ✓ The Institutional Review Board will achieve 100% compliance with necessary National Committee for Quality Assurance accreditation and maintenance requirements

Objective 4.2

Ensure an appropriate supply of health care providers for veterans and the Nation through sustained partnerships with the medical education community

- ✓ Medical residents and other trainees will grade their VA clinical training experience with a score of 85% or better

Objective 4.3

Improve the Nation's response in the event of a national emergency or natural disaster by providing timely and effective contingency medical support and other services

- 100% of VA-managed Federal Coordinating Centers will complete at least one National Disaster Medical System casualty reception exercise every three years

Objective 4.4

Enhance the economic well being of the Nation through veterans benefits and business assistance programs

- Veteran home ownership rate will be 12% higher than the general population

Objective 4.5

Ensure that national cemeteries are maintained as shrines dedicated to preserving our Nation's history, nurturing patriotism, and honoring the service and sacrifice veterans have made

- ✓ 100% of respondents will rate the appearance of national cemeteries as excellent